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AUGUST YOUTH AND TEEN ACTIVITIES AT THE VELMA TEAGUE BRANCH LIBRARY

Glendale, Ariz. — Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., is planning the following free activities for youth and teens in August:

ALL AGES

STEM @ The Library: Rocks, Minerals & Fossils! – Wednesday, Aug. 6

Geologists of all ages are invited to meet Earth Museum outreach volunteer Lynne Dyer and see her amazing collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils. A long-time-member of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona, Ms. Dyer will speak briefly about her collection, answer questions, and then give everyone enough time to enjoy her display. This event is for all ages and begins at 2 p.m. Registration is not required. For more information, call Stephanie at 623-930-3440.

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Teen Library Council Meeting – Thursday, Aug. 21

Are you looking for something fun to do that can actually make a difference? By becoming a Teen Library Council member, you can earn volunteer service hours, have a good time and meet new people, all while helping to make the library a better place for teens. The library is currently recruiting teens, ages 12-18, to provide input on the selection of books and music for the branch's teen collection. Council members also participate in the planning and presentation of library teen events. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call Greg at 623-930-3441.

Teen Game Café – Saturday, Aug. 30

Teens ages 12-18 can participate in a free afternoon of board and video game tournaments from 2-3:30 p.m. Challenge your friends and other teens to a variety of Wii, X-BOX 360 and PlayStation game favorites. Board games including chess, checkers, Life, Monopoly and others will also be available. Each time you win a game, you'll receive a drawing entry for the chance to win a grand prize at the end of the event. Feel free to bring your own games (rated E or T only please). Soda and snacks will be served. Register online using the library's event calendar at

www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm or call 623-930-3437.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Puppets @ the Teague! – Wednesday, Aug. 13 & Thursday, Aug. 14

The talented librarian puppeteers of the Velma Teague Branch Library will be presenting a story-time puppet show for children and their families on Aug. 13 beginning at 11 a.m. and an encore performance on Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. Stories based on children's books will be performed. Registration is not required. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

Getting Crafty with Miss Janet – Thursday, Aug. 21

Children ages 11 and younger are invited to join in some artistic fun with Miss Janet at 3:30 p.m. Create a cool craft to keep or give as a gift! Crafters younger than 6 years old will need an adult helper. Registration is not required. Call 623-930-3437 for more information.

Purposeful Play Group – Thursday, Aug. 21

This program provides socialization, creative play, and stimulating brain development for the little ones. Ms. Gabby, a family educator for Benevilla Family Resource Center, leads this free monthly play group for tots ages 1-5 and their caregivers from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn tips on how to play with your child to maximize brain and skill development. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth desk, or register online by visiting the library's event calendar at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

Paws To Read – Monday, Aug. 25

Reserve a 15-minute reading session between 4 and 5 p.m. with Hailey the Golden Retriever. Hailey is an official therapy dog certified through Therapy Dogs International. She loves books and stories of all kinds and loves to meet anyone ages 5 and older. Call 623-930-3437 or stop by the youth reference desk to sign up.

Lego Mania! – Wednesday, Aug. 27

Kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to build a Lego masterpiece at the Velma Teague Branch Library. Tons of Legos will be available and all participants will have an opportunity to share their completed projects at the end of the event. This free program will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3437, stop by the youth desk, or register online by visiting the library's event calendar at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/LibraryEvents.cfm>.

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